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ADA PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>Libraries are the great equalizer. It is the one place that no matter if you have wealth or not a penny to your name, you will have access to the same materials with the same service. Social economics and political ties do not matter here. We value every patron and each request is treated as if it is the most important one we get all day. It doesn't matter if your title is CEO or homeless. We are here to service.</p> <p>Our library is full of energy and we strive to be the hub of our community. Free access to information and the ability to educate ourselves is what makes our country unique. Aid provided by state legislatures like yourself is what makes libraries strong. I'm very proud of Ada's library and staff that makes it happen. With that in mind, I would like to invite you to drop by sometime and experience the heart of every community: today's library.</p>
ALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>I was able to enhance the teen summer program this year. We double the number of teens attending. 122 children/teens registered for this years program. Over a 16 session program, 532 visits were made to the library with 4430 books read. Without state aid money this would not be possible. I was also able to use State Aid to replace a computer with a laptop - it will be used by staff and patrons who need to be able to work in a separate area from the general computer area. This has helped college students study and adults with tax preparation greatly.</p>
ALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>State Aid funding plays a vital role in the services that the Alva Public Library are able to provide to the residents of Alva and Woods County. The library is funded by city funding but any person that lives in Woods County has check-out privileges and can access the digital services. The state aid funds help us meet the needs for computer hardware, e-books, books, digital subscriptions and programming for the youth and adults in this rural area of the state.</p>
ANADARKO COMMUNITY LIBRARY	<p>Our library utilizes State Aid for everything from book orders to Summer Reading programs, prizes and other materials, to computer software and hardware. We are a small library in a low income, rural area. State Aid helps us immeasurably in providing services to the members of the community.</p>
ANTLERS PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>State Aid is crucial to keep an active library. Without State Aid our library is doomed to become an old building with old books and old technology in it.</p>
APACHE PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>The state aid that we received this year was used for purchasing 6 new windows 10 patron computers. This has been a great asset to our community, allowing patrons to have the accessibility of upgraded technology. The computers that we had before this purchase were constantly giving us trouble. The time limit manager program that we had on them was not compatible to Windows 8, which is what we were using therefore it always caused conflict. We were also blessed to purchase a fairly large amount of books for all ages. These books that were purchased have been checked out since they were bought and a waiting list is still pending. The patrons have been very appreciative to have new material to read. I am working with the school system to get more books that are approved on their reading counts program to help children reading not just during the school year but summer time also that can be used for points when they return back to school.</p>
ARDMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>The State Aid we receive continues to be a great help to our library each year. This year we used it to pay for new library cards, chairs for our children's programming room, supplies for materials processing, and early literacy computer, shelving for a growing Spanish language collection, and our Zinio digital magazine subscription.</p>
BARNSDALL - ETHEL BRIGGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	<p>As a small rural public library we depend on city taxes and state aid to provide services for our school and community. In our community we are faced with a shrinking tax base so the aid we receive from the state is crucial to maintain library services.</p>
BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>State Aid is a great benefit to the Bartlesville Public Library. It helps with the purchases of computers and other equipment that is needed for operations and enables the Library to fund new services and programs.</p>
BEAVER COUNTY PIONEER LIBRARY	<p>State aid is vital for our library, we would not be able to keep our library going with the programs and opportunities for patrons without it. Sales tax is extremely low in our area and we greatly need it to keep our library open. We are very grateful for our State Aid. Thank you</p>

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BLACKWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY	This money is important in providing our summer program free to kids that need it. We also need the money to pay for our automation maintenance. It provides a needed extra for our community.
BOISE CITY - SOUTAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State aid has allowed us to have databases for the patrons. We were able to have a summer reading program and buy children's books. The automation system we use makes it easier to check out, check in, and catalog books. We were able to buy children's furniture. We were able to attend workshops to learn new and better ways to help patrons. Thank you for helping us to have a library, technology, and material for this community.
BRISTOW - MONTFORT & ALLIE JONES MEM LIBRARY	Our state aid funds are an invaluable addition to our meager budget. Our state aid funds provide our sole source of funding for our summer reading program. As a rural area with no bookstores, zoos, museums, or other cultural experiences for children in the summer, the summer reading program is an invaluable tool to preventing the summer slide for reading skills. We use the funds to purchase materials and prizes, pay performers, and publicize our different activities. The remainder of our funds are used to supplement our book budget. Due to city budget concerns over the last several years, we have had our book budget slashed to \$0 and now rely solely on donations and contributions from our charitable foundation. The state aid funds we received last fiscal year allowed us to purchase more than 100 new titles for our childrens collection, many of which were checked out by kids visiting the library for summer reading program events. Thank you, thank you, thank you for allowing us to use these funds to support literacy efforts in our community.
BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY	The money our Library receives through State Aid is our main source of funds to purchase materials and other items that help keep our Library current. Being such a small rural town, the economy in our area does little to support Libraries. The steady fall of state money received each year makes it very difficult for us to provide educational services to our community.
CARMEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without the help of the state aid our libraries would suffer. It takes a lot of money to keep everything up to date....thanks for helping us buy books, movies and supplies for our programs. Keep up the good fight!
CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	state aid is so important to our library. the poverty rate here is 90% and without state aid we could not provide current materials for our community. even with the current budget of the state it is extremely important there are times we can get materials that our school cannot. so therefore state aid helps an many ways. every dime is greatly appreciated.
CATOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid allows us to purchase enough reading materials to provide an up-to-date collection for our patrons. This would not be possible without the state aid.
CHANDLER PUBLIC LIBRARY	The library used state aid to purchase more books. The library also used the state aid to purchase a children's computer this year. Also the state aid was used to fund the summer reading program presenter and supplies. The library would not have been able to purchase these items. State aid is greatly appreciated.
CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY	We would not be able to function without the State Aid. The services that are provide especially the EBooks and digital would not be here for our very rural community.
CHEROKEE CITY- COUNTY LIBRARY	We are a small rural library with a large number of children in the area. We try to give them an alternative to playing in the streets and serve nutritious snacks. State aid helps us bridge that gap between the youth and the library and have a fun experience for all

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CHICKASHA PUBLIC LIBRARY	The value of State Aid to Chickasha Public Library is important monetary support. Without it we would have to choose whether to provide databases or reduce our book budget. We are grateful that we are able to maintain a strong book budget and provide electronic databases also. State Aid is always encouraging us to keep our technology updated providing citizens access to valuable current information. Also our Summer Reading Program depends greatly on State Aid to provide material and performers for children. I know budgets are strained but truly this money is well used for citizens.
CLAREMORE - WILL ROGERS LIBRARY	State Aid is critical to our patron services. The cuts over the last several years have impacted the resources to which our patrons have access, resulting in a loss of technological and hard copy resources. Our City supports our library well, however they can not afford to compensate for the all the losses incurred by State level cuts. The funding does not support nor detract from "libraries"...it either helps or hurts our patrons, the people. The reality is we offer fewer resources today then we did 10 years ago, due to the cuts in State Aid.
CLEVELAND - JAY C BYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State Aid allows our library to provide a high level of service to our patrons. We maintain our automation system, purchase periodicals & books, and supplement our summer reading program with our State Aid.
	For a small library with a very limited budget, being able to repair books is vital, and this year State Aid allowed us to purchase a book repair system that has been phenomenal. The difference between providing a minimum of service and good quality assistance is all because we receive State Aid. State Aid is fundamental for our library to sustain necessary services.
COWETA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid has been a tremendous help to this library. With it we are able to purchase large print books for our aging population. It is also used to provide performers for our Summer Reading Program for children to teens.
CRESCENT COMMUNITY LIBRARY	State Aid funds are critical to our small community library by helping us keep our materials and services up to date and fresh for our citizens.
DEWEY - TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	thank you for providing state aid, this help in providing some of the books we wouldn't be able to purchase. It also provides up keep for our tech. support and upgrades that we need.
DRUMRIGHT PUBLIC LIBRARY	The many needs of the public has risen so greatly due to the economical conditions affecting our state. Libraries have become the go to place for everything. There are so many " must be done online" issues these days that the libraries are overrun with needy people just trying to get these things done.This increases the cost to libraries in several ways the need for state aid to help with these expenses is increasing daily. Any and all monies the library is able to get is much needed to help the many people in need of services. The libraries are very appreciative as it allows us to serve our patrons much better.Once again our library would like to thank you for your ongoing support.
DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	We are very short of funds this year and have lost a FTE due to retirement whose position was absorbed. State Aid allows us to hire a PTE to work 4 hours a day and some overtime hours when we are short handed due to illness or vacation. We do so appreciate this money because without it, we would have to cut services and or hours of service.

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DURANT-DONALD REYNOLDS COMMUNITY CT & LIBRARY	Libraries depend on the State Aid funding to help purchase materials and provide services to their community. Despite the state aid funding decreasing over the past 6-8 years the needs of the community have continued to grow. State Aid must be a priority for funding in Oklahoma because libraries have become more than just a place to "get books." Libraries provide more services now that are integral to the growth and safety of the community. Many do not have internet access or the knowledge to use the web to navigate Sooner Care, Social Security, job applications, legal forms, and other necessary services. The library not only provides these people access to the services but also help them navigate these tasks. For many the library is their sole source of education in addition to entertainment. Veterans come to get help applying for online benefits, seniors come for Tai Chi class, children come for reading programs, adults come for help with resumes and applying online for jobs, Spanish speaking patrons come to check out books to help them learn English, teens rely on us to have the most current information to help them prepare for college, people needing a safe place to rest during the heat come to rest and read...the list is endless and grows each year. Libraries cannot afford to take any more cuts to their funding.
EASTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LIBRARY SYSTEM	We use State Aid to serve all citizens in our 6 county region. We use some of the funds to run delivery to all of our branches every other day. Without State Aid we would probably run delivery once a week. We also use the funds to purchase e-material that can be accessed by patrons outside the libraries.
EL RENO CARNEGIE LIBRARY	State Aid allows us to purchase important items for the library. With tight city budgets, state aid is vital to our operation. State aid allows us to maintain our automated library system, provide electronic materials to our customers, attend educational staff workshops, and enhance our programs with professional presentations.
ELGIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Each year we face needs in different categories. Sometimes it is to purchase new books, to replace computers, to upgrade our automation systems, and other technology needs. Other times to put toward our children's or summer reading programs, offer educational adult programs, or purchase new furniture. Without State Aid we would be much more limited on what we could offer our communities.
ELK CITY CARNEGIE LIBRARY	State Aid is essential to the running of our Library. The funds you provide enable us to service to the public. Libraries are a service organization but also the cultural center of a community. The public library is the adhesive that holds a community together. Thank you for the financial support you provide.
ENID-PUBLIC LIBRARY OF ENID AND GARFIELD CO	Our City Manager chose me as the Library Director due to my effective working relationships between the community and City Government. I hold a masters degree in Education and have 6 years of library experience. Because of the language that is written for State Aid, 6 years library experience and an Education Masters with an emphasis in Library Media Science is in no way equivalent to an MLIS-regardless of years experience. If Enid chose an individual with an MLIS and no years of library experience, Enid WOULD qualify for State Aid. This is not acceptable. Enid does not qualify for State Aid due to the specific verbiage in reference to educational experience of the Library Director. We are successful, relevant, changing with technology, and a leader in practices. I believe that, as a director, I am very competent and would like to see changes made in legislation that would allow us to receive State Aid.
FAIRFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY	Thank you so much for the State Aid. Our library would not be able to keep up with the changing times and upgrade our equipment if we did not receive the help. It allows us to function as a modern library. Our town appreciates the impact the money has on our library. Thank you again!
FAIRVIEW CITY LIBRARY	State enables our library to offer quality equipment, service, and technology.
GEARY PUBLIC LIBRARY	We appreciate the state aid that we receive. If we did not receive state aid, we would not be able to have the Summer Reading Program.

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GRANDFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	We could not operate our small library without continuing state aid, of which we are very grateful.
GUTHRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Due to State Aid, the Guthrie Public Library purchased library items and secured tools to protect/secure our items. Our collection now includes contemporary issues (in various formats) such as factors that impact LGBTQ, homeless and transgender communities. These, and other populations, are growing in Guthrie/Logan County; the Guthrie Public Library is committed to serving our diverse and varied populations. In addition to making our collection progressive (a word used by a library customer after reviewing our collection), our State Aid Funding helped purchase DVD protectors, a display table and assists us as we redefine what the Guthrie Public Library means in the 21st century.
GUYMON PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid has been a valuable resource for our community. I particularly like to use it to try a database for a year before requesting it be added to our budget from the City of Guymon. It allows us to get feedback from the public. State Aid is also very helpful during a time when we have a grant that needs a little extra money to fully carry it out properly, such as advertising costs or supplemental materials. There are also times when the City must make a temporary cut to the budget and State Aid has kept services from being dropped. Thank you for your support of public libraries in Oklahoma and please do what you can to restore funding to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries as they provide enormous support to the librarians in the state.
HENNESSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	This year, State Aid provided Hennessey with the means to update the collection for both adults and children. The local budget pays salaries and utilities with only a small amount for books. Fees and donations purchase the most requested titles, but it is State Aid that makes it possible to acquire the expensive nonfiction titles and children's award winners. These are the titles that remain in the collection year after year providing important information to rural citizens with few other sources. We survive on donations; we thrive with State Aid.
HENRYETTA PUBLIC LIBRARY	We do appreciate any assistance you can give to our rural library as we serve not only Henryetta; but, the little towns surrounding us. Your aid helps us to keep up-to-date as much as possible for our patrons and helps with books for both adults and children. It helps with the SRP for our kids grades 1st thru 8th. Thank you so much for your help.
HINTON - NORMAN SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State aid is crucial to our rural library. We get luck on grants on occasion, but without state aid our summer programs and programs throughout the year wouldn't happen. It is beneficial to our community and library.
HOBART PUBLIC LIBRARY	We have a limited budget to purchase books, office supplies, equipment, etc. State Aid is very important to our library. We are able to purchase the necessary items and equipment that our budget cannot meet.
HOLDENVILLE - GRACE PICKENS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without State aid our library would not exist. We appreciate and rely on State funding to pay for eBooks, children's materials and electronic equipment. This money is just not available in our local funds.
HOMINY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Each year, our library depends on State Aid grants to supplement our City's budget. With each passing year, the library's City budget goes up very little, if any and we would not be able to offer a high quality of service and materials that our patrons have come accustomed to without these funds. The majority of our purchasing power for new books, our ebooks subscription service, renewal of our circulation software and related services -- and much more are covered each year by State Aid funds.
HOOKER - OLIVE WARNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	For small libraries, we are often reeling from the cost of replacing old furnaces, air conditioners, and even door closers. Add to that the sticker shock of technology, and the goal of maintaining an interesting collection with classic and current books, it's a lot to take on. The automation cost alone would be a big bite. Ours is \$1090. We are really glad to have the added support of State Aid. In our town of about 1900 persons, the library offers a valued connection to the internet for job applications, connecting to health information, and keeping in touch with family in other areas. Since we have many folks who don't have internet at home, they rely on the Wi-Fi signal here. Thank you legislators for the help you send our way.

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KAW CITY - J.A. WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State aid has enabled the Library to assist our residents with the internet and information for some of the Senior aids that is open to them. Also now I have resources to order books that the clients are looking for. Last year we bought 3 new computers and that has increased the traffic in the library. We now have more children in to watch videos,& play games. Adults use the computer to job hunt, for cooking tips, information on Section 8 housing and how to apply for food stamps. This has been a great asset for Kaw City.
KELLYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to my library so that I can provide summer reading programs and new children's books to my community.
KINGFISHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State Aid is invaluable for keeping our library collection current and up to date.
KONAWA - KENNEDY LIBRARY OF KONAWA	We would not be able to purchase books for the adults in our community without state aid.
LANGLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	We used our state aid to purchase new public access computer workstations and software to offer our patrons a better experience when working with the computers. The patrons use these work stations for taking classes and apply for jobs. We are very fortunate to have the state aid to help offset the cost.
LAVERNE DELPHIAN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	As a small rural library we depend on state aid to provide books, programs, equipment etc. that our general budget can't provide for us. We depend on this Aid every year to keep the library going and up to date. Thank you for the extra help through State Aid.
LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Our State Aid buys library books for our community. When we only get \$7,000 from the City for books, State Aid is REALLY important! State Aid has a direct impact on our community!
LINDSAY COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Our State Aid means so much to us, we are rural, our State Aid allows us to purchase things like new chairs for the public that we couldn't buy without it. Thanks so much!!
LOCUST GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without state aid, we would not be able to have a summer reading program on our current budget. State aid also helps us send our librarians for additional training in technology and business administration classes at the Department of Libraries. Please help us keep state aid! Thank you!!
MADILL CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY	Here is what we use state aid for: Summer Reading, computers, internet, programs, supplies, books, eBooks, computer training, etc. My library needs state aid and all the help I get from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Without ODL I wouldnt have: my broadband internet which my customers use constantly to apply for state benefits, apply for jobs, research their health needs, start a small business, email their grandkids, etc. my Summer Reading program posters, Sonic book bags, program ideas, the latest training on computers and Internet resources, open meetings & records, health resources, website design, social media, ebooks, STEM, everything my community wants and expects me to know certification for librarians, network grant, ILL, digital records, Ebsco.
MANGUM- MARGARET CARDER LIBRARY	State Aid allowed the library to be able to branch out where it is needed the most, if it's be books for toddlers up to senior citizens, DVD, computers, videogames, summer reading programs or supplies. Thank you for your hard work working with the libraries.
MANNFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	We had record attendance numbers this year for our children's summer reading program and I believe it is because we are able to offer quality programs. State Aid has paid 100% of the 2016 programs and we are pleased that parents, grandparents, other family members, and friends all get involved in a child's summer activities at the library.
MARLOW - GARLAND SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aids allows the library to employ a part time children's librarian who does weekly story time and summer reading at the library and outreach to the community on a monthly basis.
MAYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to us. Without it, we would not be able to have the automation software that we need to be able to check out books to our patrons, or to purchase new children's books. WE APPRECIATE STATE AID!!! Thank you!!!

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MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aide has helped the library to buy books, with the summer reading programs, and the purchase of a new book drop box.
MEEKER PUBLIC LIBRARY	Would not be able to operate without state aid.
METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM	State aid has provided for the purchase of over 12,000 items for our community this year.
MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY	With ever-tightening budgets, we feel so fortunate to have State Aid funding to allow us to do things we could not do otherwise. We were able to add some electronic resources one of which allows our adult literacy students to take practice GED tests online. This is so important to their ability to succeed when they take the actual online test! Because of State Aid we were able to purchase 2 new computers to replace some of our older ones. These 2 computers get used an average of 300 times a month! People use them to search for jobs, to create resumes, to fill out applications for Social Security, and much more! One new item we purchased was a charging station. Some of our patrons bring in their smartphones and tablets and are very thankful to be able to charge them while they are here. This is an item we would not have been able to consider out of our regular budget. State Aid provides huge benefits to our customers!
MOORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	Thank you for state aid. It has help the library grow.
MOUNDS PUBLIC LIBRARY	The Library relies on State Aid for our Internet, programming and materials. With our budget cut even tighter this year than last, we need State Aid to further educate adults and children, while also providing a safe place for everyone.
MT VIEW - ADDIE DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to our small rural Library without we could not buy needed supplies and books for our Patrons .Thank you for your support.
MUSTANG PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to our Library in meeting community need for access to technology, materials, information, access to educational classes, and professional information services provided by Library staff members.
NEWKIRK PUBLIC LIBRARY	The library is a family place. State aid helps us buy new books for all ages of our patrons. City government looks a libraries as one of their services that should be generating revenue for the city coffers. They should consider the libraries as a service to allow people to stay in the community and borrow the materials they want to educate and/or enjoy.
NOWATA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY	This State Aid enabled us to provide the latest books our patrons requested as well as providing an informative and enjoyable summer reading program. We were also able to use these funds to replace classic books in the children's section as well as in the juvenile section.
OKEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid help the library to provide essential services for all our patrons. Our town would not be willing to replace state aid from their regular budget--please do not cut or reduce state aid any more.
OKEMAH PUBLIC LIBRARY	We are a small rural library with a small operating budget. Without the aid provided by the State, we would be unable to purchase the books and software necessary to remain current.
OKMULGEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid is very important to the library. This money enables us to purchase items and other equipment that we are unable to purchase with the regular budget
PAULS VALLEY-NORA SPARKS WARREN MEM LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to small libraries to help provide free access of information to our patrons.
PAWHUSKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid enables Pawhuska Public Library to provide up-to-date public computers, computer system equipment, databases, and our automated catalog. None of these technology services would be possible without State Aid. Also State Aid makes it possible to enrich our Summer Reading Program with special programs, speakers, and reading incentives. Additionally, State Aid provides office equipment and supplies which allow the library staff to serve our citizens. - Many thanks!!
PAWNEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	This money is VITAL to our public libraries. No matter what the population any library serves, more is always needed.

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PERKINS - THOMAS-WILHITE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Every year our library uses State Aid funds for upgrading and maintaining our technology hardware and software. Providing the public with up to date computers, internet access and WIFI is invaluable in our small rural community. Without State Aid our equipment would quickly fall behind acceptable standards. Our patrons rely on the library technology for job seeking, skill building, distance education, social interactions and small business development.
PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY	We depend on State Aid for things like salaries. Previously, we have used the funding to replace hard, wooden chairs that made the meeting room unusable. Many Library Directors use the funding for a book budget.
PIEDMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY	Our State Aid allows us to hire a part-time librarian, skilled in children's theatre, children's story times, and children's music. Without her, we would hard-pressed to provide this quality of programming. In addition to the State Aid, the support and advice of the State Library staff are invaluable to us.
PIONEER LIBRARY SYSTEM	Pioneer has earmarked State Aid Funds to be used for technology and the advancement of skills emphasized in the areas of electronics and technology. Through the use of these funds, Pioneer Library System is able to stay current and continue to provide access opportunities for our customers and libraries.
PONCA CITY LIBRARY	State aid helps us give better service to the community.
PRAGUE - HAYNIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	The state aid is vital to our small library. Our library is in a low income where 80% of our children get free or reduced lunches. There is not a lot of places for our children to go. We try to have a lot of events, activities and books they enjoy reading. It let us be able to provide more advantages to our children and teens.
PRYOR - THOMAS J HARRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Because the Thomas J. Harrison Pryor Public Library receives State Aid, we are able to offer our community current and useful databases, current computers and technology, and other essential services. These resources help prepare our youth for college entry exams; offer our job seekers resources and resume help; give our DIYers free access to car, truck, and small engine repair instructions; and offer our life-long learners exiting, portable language learning software.
RINGLING - GLEASON MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State Aid is a very necessary part of our library budget. Our small town operates on a very limited budget. The state aid allows us to purchase much needed items for the library that we would otherwise have to do without.
RUSH SPRINGS-GLOVER SPENCER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State aid is the main source of funding for materials offered to patrons. The library would be unable to adequately serve its patrons without it.
SAPULPA - BARTLETT CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid helps to cover expenses that the library budget would not normally be able to cover such as workshops, computers, and library materials. Even library supplies are expensive to buy and state aid helps to cover the expenses that the library has but has no money to afford them.
SAYRE PUBLIC LIBRARY	We appreciate each dollar that we receive in State Aid from the Oklahoma Legislature. We are a small rural library and the State Aid that we receive allows us to purchase books and other resources for our patrons. The books that we purchase using our State Aid are the only new books that our library receives during the year. The rest of our additions to our library come from donations. So, we truly appreciate the opportunity to purchase best sellers for our adult, youth and children patrons.
SEMINOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	The increased foot traffic caused by the economic downturn has had a negative impact on our funding. The more we spend on toilet paper and cleaning supplies the less we have to spend on reading materials and upgrades. Please keep that in mind when considering the value of state aid.
SHATTUCK PUBLIC LIBRARY	We very much appreciate the funding provided to us, as it provides books, computer equipment, and other supplies that are of great benefit to our patrons. Thank you for helping us make our library better.

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SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM OF OKLA	State aid allows our system to provide quality programs for children and to purchase electronic databases such as Tutor.com, Pronunciator, Ancestry, and more.
SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA LIBRARY SYSTEM	State Aid continues to be a critical piece of our budget. It assists us with collection development. Southern Oklahoma Library System's materials budget would be significantly smaller without it.
SOUTHERN PRAIRIE LIBRARY SYSTEM	State funds are imperative to the successful operation of the SPLS. With the Constitutional cap on funding, the lack of growth in population, and the marginal increase in valuations, these funds are now used exclusively to supplement the materials budget. State aid funding is vital to the continued operations of the library system in Southwest Oklahoma.
STILLWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is of great value to the Stillwater Public Library in providing for equipment, materials and services we are not able to support with our City funding. This year we used state aid to complete our security camera project which ensures the safety of our staff and patrons and security of our building and its contents 24/7. We also upgraded the Audio-Visual equipment in our two large meeting rooms. State Aid funding also allowed for the purchase of a popcorn machine used for programs and signage for inside the library. Funds were also used to purchase additional e-books and downloadable audio books for our virtual collection.
STRATFORD - CHANDLER-WATTS LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to our library in providing programming for our library. Please continue to make this a priority regarding funding.
STROUD PUBLIC LIBRARY	Stroud citizens, Stroud Library Board and library staff wish to express appreciation to the Oklahoma Legislature for the continued support of Oklahomas libraries. State Aid is a vital part in providing library services. Funding for Stroud Public Library purchased 268 new books for the collection along with 48 audio-visual titles. Local sales tax revenue is stagnant; however, Stroud anticipates a short-term boost with the building of a new hotel. A recent announcement by Dollar General concerning the purchase of the empty Walmart Neighborhood Market and future move from the current DG location could have a positive effect on tax revenue. Stroud Industrial Authority continues to work with a business owner looking to establish a cheese making facility in the industrial park. The Economic Director and Stroud City council work to explore opportunities to bring new businesses to Stroud. Again, thank you for remembering Oklahomas public libraries and the services they provide to Oklahoma citizens.
TALALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without State Aid this library would probably cease to exist. We are very important to our community because of a high need for internet access and childrens programs.
TEXHOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY	We appreciate the monies you have given to the Texhoma Public Library. The monies have been used to purchase ipads, computers and books. Our elementary teachers donate their time during the summer to help with the summer program teaching children that reading is FUN and teaching them how to use the ipads and computers. These items have made the library a much more popular place. Many more people are using the new equipment and checking out more books. Thank you very much for your help!
TONKAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Thanks to State Aid, all employees were able to attend the 2016 OLA Conference. We also used funds to buy books. We also used State Aid to help purchase incentives for our summer reading program. All of these wouldn't have been possible without the help of State Aid. We are so great-full to receive State Aid, thank you so much for continuing to help our small library.
TRYON PUBLIC LIBRARY	We use the state funds to purchase books and videos for our small community we otherwise would not be able to.
TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	The state aid of the Tulsa City-County Library system directly impacts the Tulsa County community by helping to provide the area with essential resources. This includes literacy resources, educational resources, and continuing education with adult learning.

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VINITA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Perhaps you have heard the word "critical" too often the past few years, but Vinita's State Aid grant is truly critical to our place in the community. Our citizens absolutely rely on the library's resources including computers with high-speed Internet access, and maintenance of these resources is a primary use of our State Aid. Thank you!
WAGONER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	The continued support of the Legislature is vital to so many rural communities. With the decrease in school days to 4 days a week the libraries have become even more vital than ever. Our youth are discovering that where school leaves off, the library offers a place to find the answers to questions. Who, When Where and Why, What and How are the answers that our youth can locate at the library. Knowing that funds are always tight, we must continue to invest in our youth as it is the only way change the future. From our rural areas some of the greatest leaders have arose, but they did not do it alone, youth found the safety and exploration to discover in the library. In today's society technology and communication are ever changing and public libraries offer the place for the next generation to meet the challenge with knowledge and opportunity.
WALTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY	With State Aid for fiscal year 2015-2016 we were able to buy 6 computers with mouse and keyboards for each station along with other items that is being used for our computers such as Firewall, etc. The patrons are grateful that the computers are much better than our old ones. These computers are faster and updated and very much appreciated. Thank you.
WATONGA PUBLIC LIBRARY	The Watonga Library has used State Aid funding to pay for technology updates and maintenance including replacing computers, technology maintenance, software, etc. It would be difficult to manage a network with 8 public computers plus wireless capability without this additional funding. The library has provided leadership in our city by keeping abreast of changes in hardware and software and by providing staff training to help customers utilize the most current technology available. With guidance from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and assistance in the form of state funding, Oklahoma libraries can provide technology services to the communities to make information readily available even in the rural areas of our state.
WAURIKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	As a small library serving a rural area, we are the only online access for many of our patrons. We also serve as a community center. State Aid is vital in providing services to our community.
WAYNOKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	The state aid money allows us to purchase items that our local budget will not cover.
WESTERN PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM	WPLS primarily uses State Aid to purchase books and informational materials for counties with low mill rates. Without State Aid it would be difficult to purchase quality informational materials in our counties with lower assessed values.
WETUMKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	We are a low-income community; Hopefully, the programs we have will broaden their minds to the possibilities out there for them to work hard and achieve their goals.
WEWOKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	We have a small budget and state aid helps with things we need
WOODWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid money is so vital to the Woodward Public Library. Without it, the library would not be able to provide update-to-date technology equipment or Internet service for library staff or its customers. This fiscal year money was used to purchase new computers for library staff and to help fund the library's 100mb broadband connection with OneNet.
YALE PUBLIC LIBRARY	In this fiscal year, the state aid helped supplement the budget with needed office furniture and supplies. It also helped provide a wireless printer for our patrons to better serve their needs. I counted on the state aid this year to help pay for the cost of the circulation system. It also helped enhance the summer reading program for the children. The staff and patrons of the library appreciate the added benefits that state aid provides. Without the funds, we would not be able to offer the quality of service that we currently provide. Thank you.

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YUKON - MABEL C. FRY PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>Public Librarians are acutely aware of the budget issues the state is having and the difficult decisions that have to be made. We greatly appreciate our legislators understanding that public libraries are where all ages of the public turn for life long learning. Many of our patrons are people whose jobs are eliminated when there is a downturn in the economy. Public librarians spend many hours a day helping patrons like these learn the computer skills necessary to compete in this digital world. Please know that when you provide funding for libraries, you are making an extremely important investment in communities all over the state. Thank you for all you do.</p>

